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(1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-235028 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

(2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-014392 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-028690 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family members European Patent Publication No. EP 0 619 541 A2; U.S. Patent Nos. 5,530,673; 5,862,083; 5,973,964; 6,078,520; 6,275,436; and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0051394; and
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-181805, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,993,690.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents:

- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-108720, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0039312. Applicants note that the Japanese document is cited beginning at page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application;
- (6) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0195708; and
- (7) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/577,418 to MEADA et al., which was filed on April 27, 2006.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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